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Dear Governor Blagojevich,

We are writing to express our sincere support for the Chicago Region-Environmental and Transportation Efficiency project (*CREATE*).

*CREATE* is critically needed to increase the efficiency of the region's rail infrastructure. This program is designed to reduce rail congestion and traffic related delays caused by the daily convergence of approximately 500 freight trains and 700 commuter and intercity passenger trains in the Chicago area.

With the increased traffic to the region, it can take longer to get freight through the Chicago region by rail than to get it from Chicago to the west coast. We rely on the Chicago gateway to process over 30,000 carloads of fertilizer per year moving to America's farmers and industry. Delays in Chicago can result in lost sales and increased costs getting our product to market. By increasing the efficiency of our rail system and transporting products in a more timely manner, *CREATE* will help businesses increase sales and increase the need for more employees, creating new jobs.

By not decreasing rail freight transit times, our state stands to lose sales, which can result in layoffs.

Something must be done now to protect Illinois jobs, improve our quality of life, and ensure both local and national businesses continue to have access to efficient, affordable rail shipping services.

Please join us in support of this project.

Sincerely,

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